

Senate File 455 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 455
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1136)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the establishment of a child care provider
- 2 reimbursement workgroup.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. CHILD CARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT
2 WORKGROUP. The department of human services shall establish
3 a child care assistance provider reimbursement workgroup of
4 stakeholders to study and make recommendations relating to the
5 establishment of a tiered reimbursement program that links the
6 level of payment for subsidized child care to the voluntary
7 child care quality rating system implemented by the department
8 pursuant to section 237A.30 and that is consistent with the
9 provisions of the federal Child Care and Development Block
10 Grant Act of 2014. The membership of the workgroup shall
11 include child care professionals, representatives of certified
12 child development homes, and representatives of certified child
13 care centers, in both rural and urban areas, and may include
14 additional stakeholders designated by the department. The
15 workgroup shall submit a report and make recommendations to the
16 governor and the general assembly by December 1, 2015.

EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 The bill directs the department of human services to
21 establish a child care assistance provider reimbursement
22 workgroup of stakeholders to study and make recommendations
23 relating to the establishment of a tiered reimbursement program
24 that links the level of payment for subsidized child care to
25 the voluntary child care quality rating system and that is
26 consistent with the provisions of the federal Child Care and
27 Development Block Grant Act of 2014. The bill specifies the
28 membership of the workgroup and requires the workgroup to
29 submit a report and make recommendations to the governor and
30 the general assembly by December 1, 2015.